

10/625,2681570/SYMBP160USREMARKS

Claims 1-14, 16, 22, 27-32 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claim 22 has been canceled and claims 18-21 and 23-26 have been withdrawn. A current listing of all pending claims are on pp. 3-7 of the Reply. Applicants' representative acknowledges with appreciation the indication that claims 1-14, 16, and 27-32 are allowed. Claim 22 has been canceled and the rejection of claim 22 should be withdrawn. In addition, the abstract of the disclosure has been amended to cure minor typographical informalities as indicated on p. 2.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of Koenck *et al.* (US 5,410,141) should be withdrawn as this rejection is believed to be moot in light of the cancellation of claim 22 and the allowance of all other pending claims. Furthermore, it is respectfully requested that the objections to the specification should be withdrawn in view of the amendments to the abstract. Given these amendments and comments, favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

10/625,2681570/SYMBP160US**CONCLUSION**

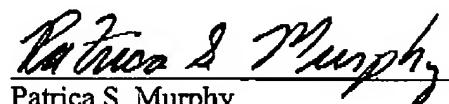
The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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